

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1066

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 111 in Overton County in honor of the late Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in the line of duty on May 12, 2004, while engaged in a goodwill mission in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; during this humanitarian mission, he and his fellow Marines were repairing pumps to give Iraqis access to clean drinking water and handing out toys and candy to Iraqi children; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Savage followed the patriotic tradition for which Overton County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction while attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a proud member of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Lance Corporal Savage did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, although he lost his life at far too young an age, Lance Corporal Savage was fortunate to enjoy living his childhood dream of serving his country as a Marine; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a "sparkle in his eye for service," Jeremiah Savage held a deep sense of honor and he regarded his fellow Marines as being closer to him than brothers; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Savage was a 2001 graduate of Overton County's Livingston Academy, where he ran varsity track; and

WHEREAS, stationed at Camp Pendleton after completing his SOI training, Lance Corporal Savage served for nearly a year in Okinawa, Japan; because of this tour of duty, he missed the birth of his daughter, Madison; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2004, Lance Corporal Savage was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq; once again he was absent for the birth of one of his children, a son named Eldon Wyatt, who he never got to hold; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Savage was posthumously honored with the Purple Heart in recognition of his ultimate sacrifice for his country and the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, this courageous Marine will be fondly remembered as "one of the finest young men this nation has ever produced" and a "Marine's Marine" by his comrades and superior officers, his friends and neighbors, and his devoted family; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Savage's dedication to excellence in the Marine Corps and his love of his family, his fellow Marines and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a segment of State Route 111 Overton County to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage, United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that the following segment of State Route 111 in Overton County is hereby designated the "Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage Memorial Parkway" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage, United States Marine Corps:

from a point two (2) miles south of the southernmost corporate limits of the City of Livingston to a point three (3) miles south of such corporate limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage Memorial Parkway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage Memorial Parkway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this resolution as the "Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage Memorial Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.